

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6 to 11, 13, 18 to 23, 25, and 30 to 35 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 13, and 25 are independent. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. As shown above, Applicants have amended the claims to remove "generating" from the preamble. In view of these amendments, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Stewart (U.S. Patent No. 6,389,460). As shown above, Applicants have amended the claims to define the invention more clearly. In view of these amendments, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a method for generating an executable file. Generating the executable file includes subdividing a target name into portions at one or more predetermined points... saving at least one of the portions as a list variable... and adding a compiler specific prefix to the list variable. The applied art is not understood to disclose or to suggest the foregoing features of claim 1.

In particular, Stewart describes techniques for storing objects (e.g., images) in, and retrieving objects from, a storage device (e.g., an image store) (col. 3, lines 61-63). Stewart generates multiple individual directories to form a path to a resulting directory (col. 4, lines 33-45). Generating directories is entirely different from generating an executable file as recited in amended claim 1.

Furthermore, Stewart's method includes dividing an object identification string that includes a uniform resource locator, state information, and authorization information, into a plurality of individual directories that form a path to a directory where an object is stored. As recited in Applicants claim 1, subdividing a target name includes:

identifying the predetermined points by detecting a first character sequence, the first character sequence separating compiler conditions, wherein detecting the first character sequence comprises detecting an underscore;

identifying the predetermined points by detecting a second character sequence, the second character sequence separating run-set components, wherein detecting the second character sequence comprises detecting a period,

As described above, Stewart divides an object identification string that includes a uniform resource locator, state information, and authorization information. These are entirely different from a first character sequence separating compiler conditions and a second character sequence separating run-set components, as claimed. That is, the first and second character sequences have applicability to an executable file, whereas the object identification string has no such applicability and, therefore, cannot be used in generating an executable file, as claimed.

For at least the above reasons, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 13 and 25 roughly correspond to claim 1 and, therefore, are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because of the arguments made above may not be

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exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed.

Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

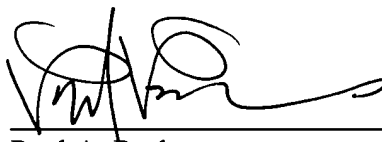
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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